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## FOREWORD

On November 2 and 3, 1917, the Academy held a Conference in Philadelphia on "Financing the War" and the leading addresses of that Conference are presented as the articles in this issue of *The Annals*. The widespread interest in this meeting was evidenced by the large attendance and also by the appointment of nearly three hundred delegates from states, tax associations, chambers of commerce, colleges and universities and other organizations. To the delegates, to the bodies appointing them and especially to the speakers, many of whom came from a long distance and at much inconvenience, the debt of the Academy is great. Thanks are due also to many individuals in and about Philadelphia for their coöperation. Particular mention should be made of the helpfulness of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and its officials who aided the Academy in every way possible.